



## **Fairy Wand**

*Chamaelirium luteum*

**Fairy Wand, also known as False Unicorn, Blazing Star and Devil's Bit, is an herbaceous rare perennial wildflower. It is a member of the trillium family and is native to the eastern United States. Its range is from Canada through eastern and central United States with large populations in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Fairy Wand likes to grow in partial to full shade, in rich, moist, well drained soil in forests, thickets, slopes, moist meadows, wetlands, and The Great Swamp.**

**This plant has feathery plumes with densely packed tiny white six-petaled flowers on a wand, 1 to 3 wands per plant. Depending on the region, the flowers bloom in a period from March through June. The wands grow from a small rosette of green leaves to reach a height of up to 2.5 to 3 feet. Fairy Wand has both male and female plants. Pollinators of the plant are bees, butterflies, and songbirds. Only the female plant can produce seeds. Seeds are dispersed in the autumn by water, wind, and wildlife.**

**Because of the popularity of this plant as both a medicinal and ornamental, it is at risk of becoming extinct through over harvesting and loss of habitat, and it should definitely not be harvested in the wild. The plant is cultivated in nurseries for retail purposes, which helps to protect it and satisfy the demand.**

**Conservation Status: Listed as threatened in New York State and endangered in Connecticut, Indiana, and Massachusetts.**